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Weekly Weather Threat Briefing

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Day 1: Strong winds developing along the Sierra crest; some snow accumulations possible northern CA mountains.

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Key Points

5/19 – 5/25

Thursday-Friday

- Strong gusty winds developing along the Sierra crest and eastern slopes (decreasing Friday)
- Mountain snow accumulations possible in northern and central CA beginning late Thursday. Snow levels lowering to 4500 ft (northwest CA) to 6000 ft (central Sierra Nevada). Travel impacts possible across higher passes.
- Scattered showers/thunderstorms northern-central CA (mainly Friday)

Saturday-Sunday

- Generally light snow continuing in the mountains

Monday-Wednesday

- Cool with showers possible, but no significant hazards expected



California OES Impact Threat Matrix

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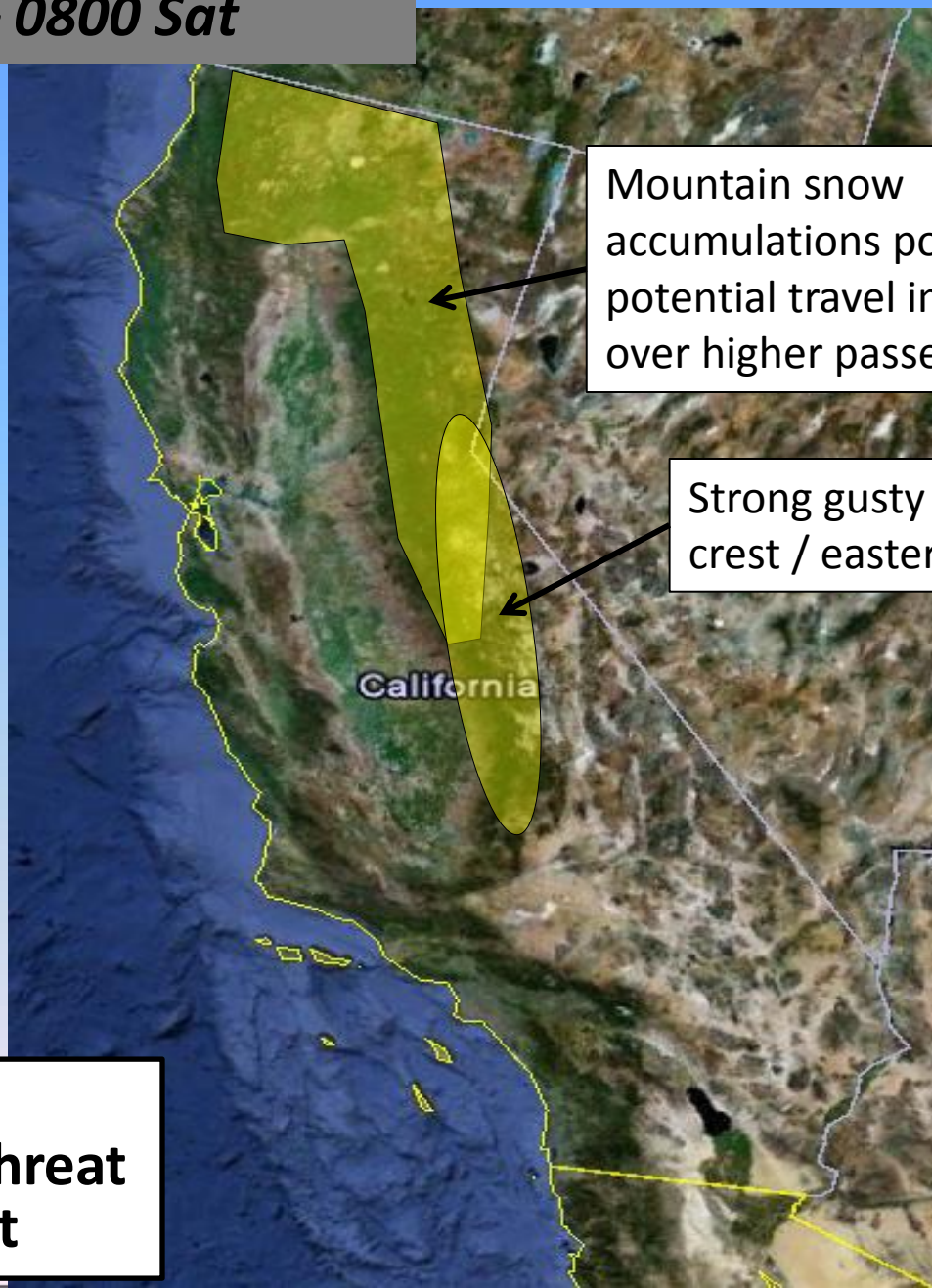
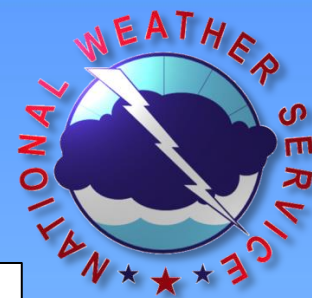
DAY/THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Fire Weather							
Winds	Sierra Crest	Sierra Crest					
Snow	N. CA & Sierra	N. CA & Sierra	N. CA & Sierra	Sierra Nevada			
Heavy Rain/ Flash Flooding							
River Flooding							
Severe Weather							
Heat							
Tropical							

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Discernible Threat



Days 1-2 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu – 0800 Sat



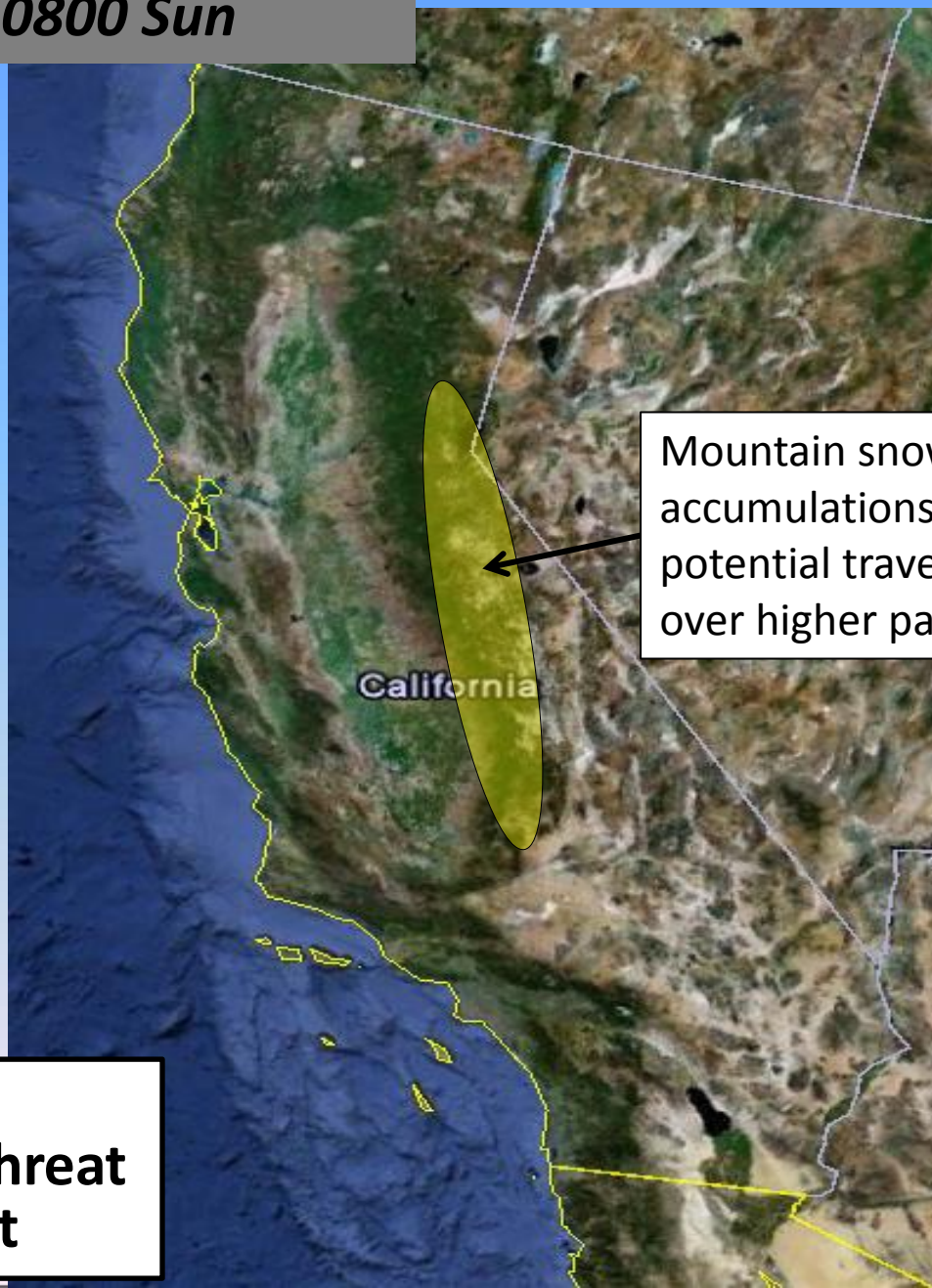
Mountain snow accumulations possible; potential travel impacts over higher passes

Strong gusty winds (Sierra crest / eastern slopes)

-  High Threat
-  Moderate Threat
-  Slight Threat

Day 3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat – 0800 Sun

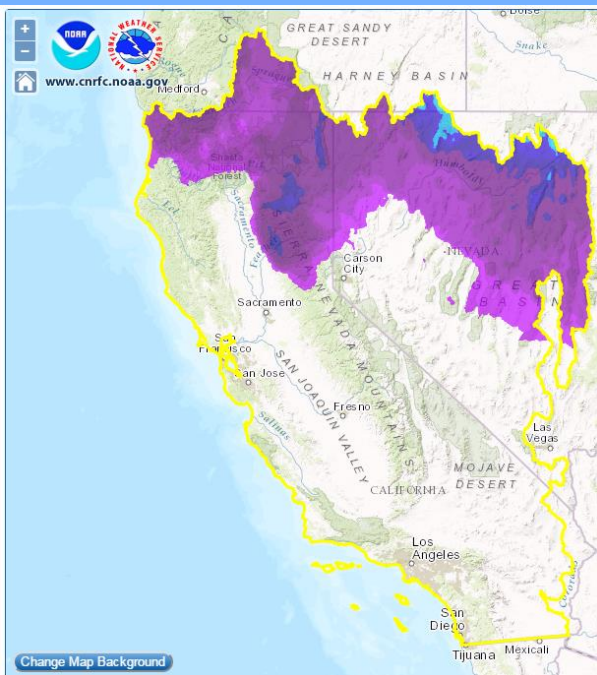
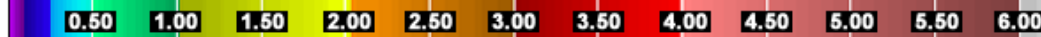


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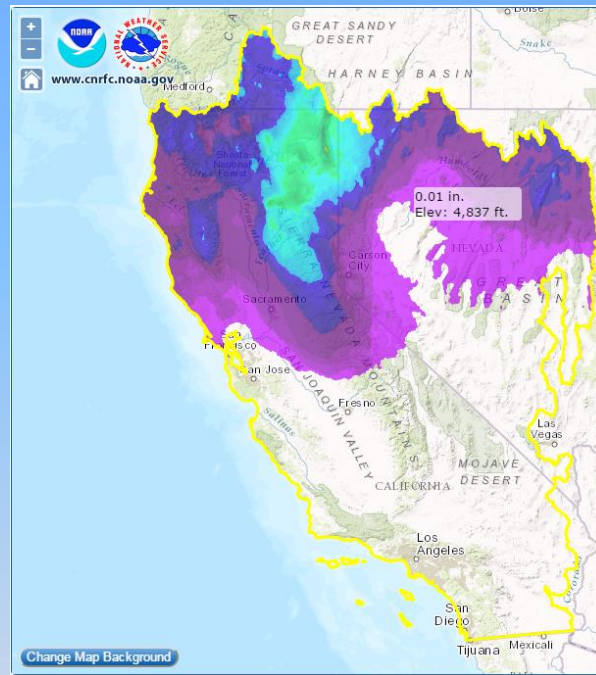
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Days 1-3 Precipitation Forecast

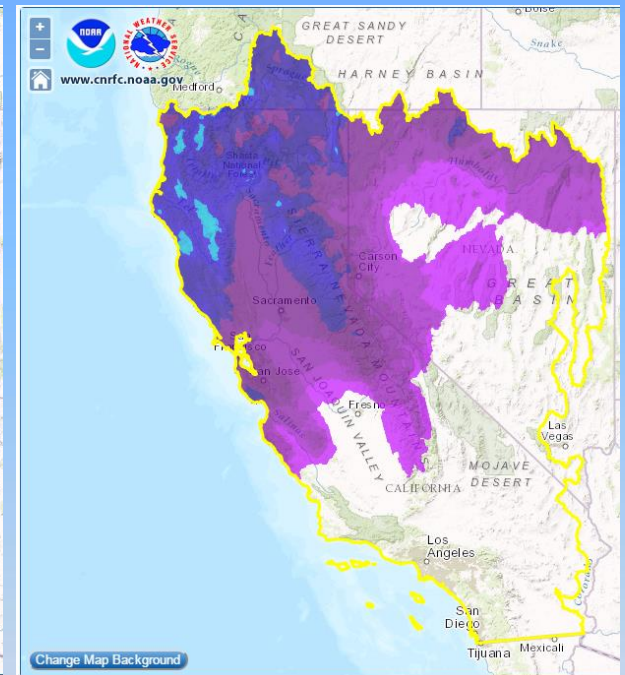
Precipitation (inches)



Thursday



Friday



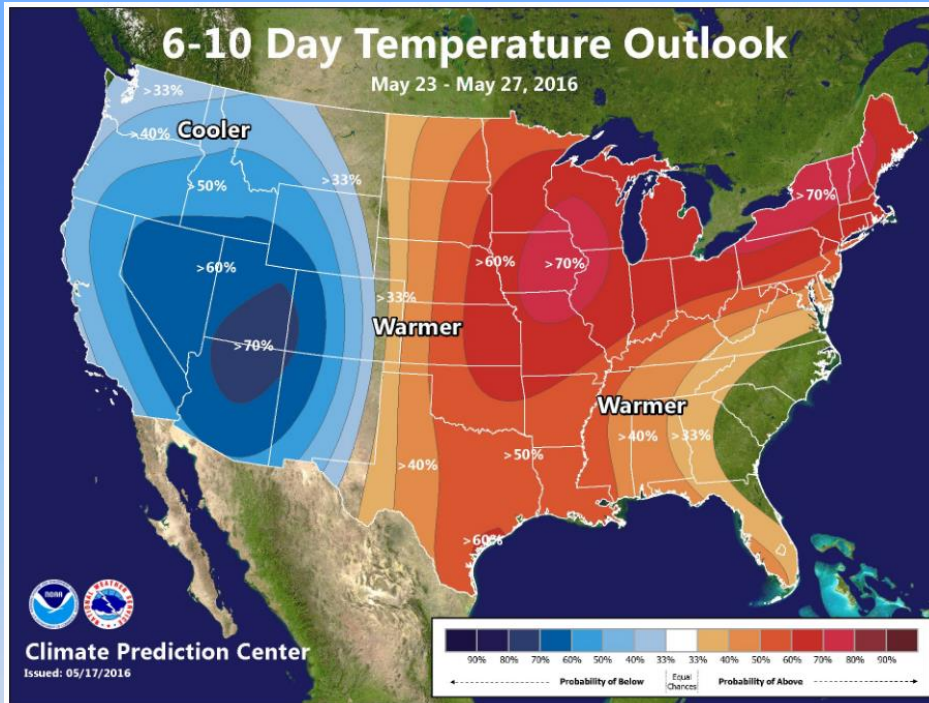
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Generally light precipitation is forecast Thu-Sat, except for NE California, where the mountains could receive an inch or more.

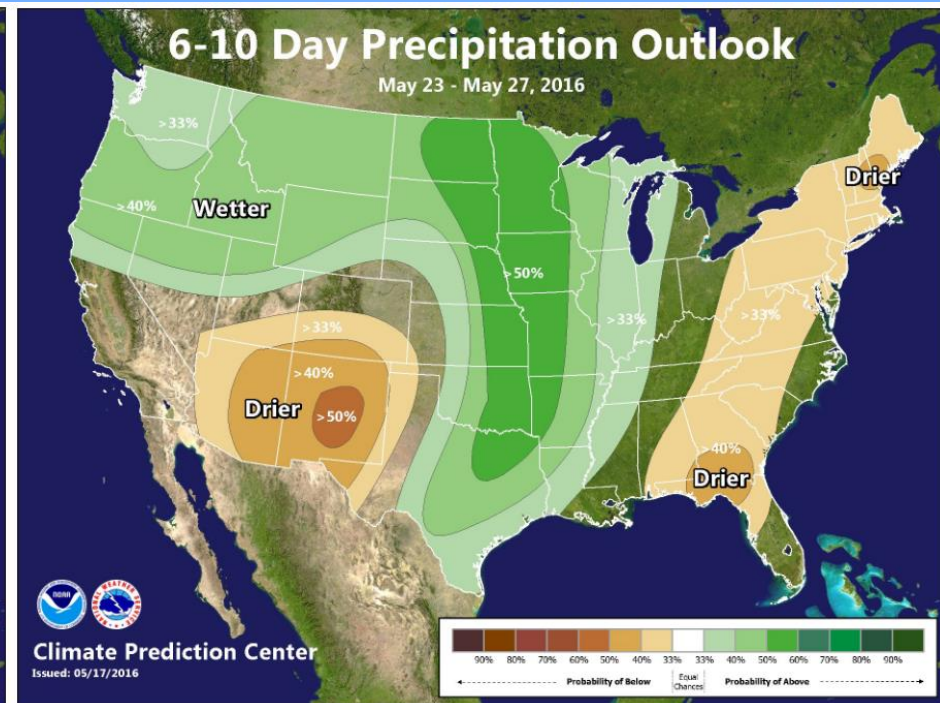


6-10 Day Outlook

Temperature



Precipitation



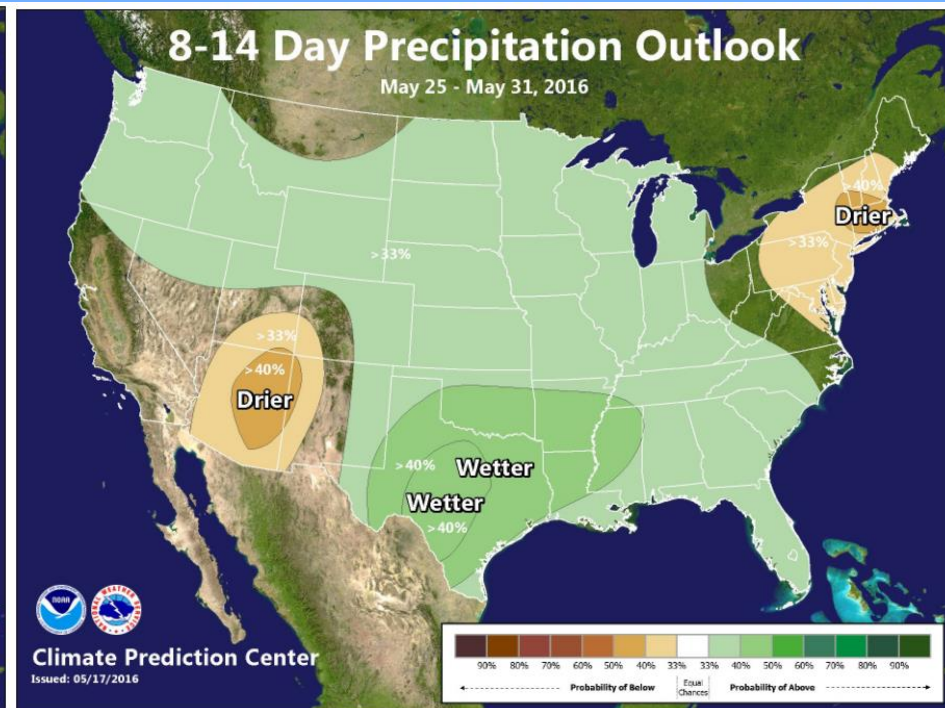
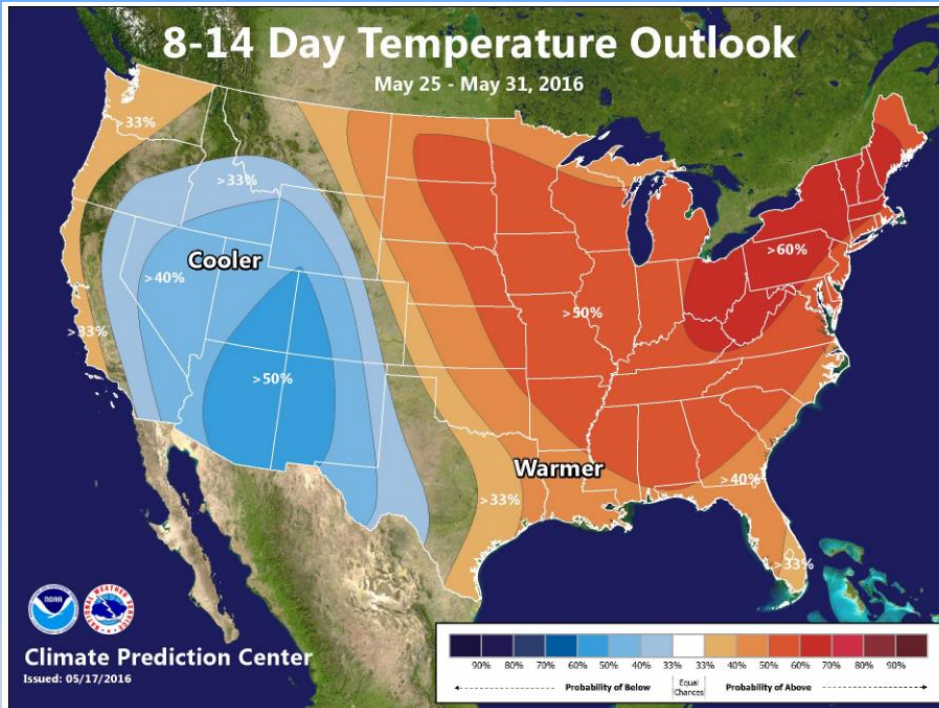
Below normal temperatures are favored. Above normal precipitation is slightly favored in far northern CA, otherwise equal chances for above or below normal precipitation.



8-14 Day Outlook

Temperature

Precipitation



Above normal temperatures are slightly favored along the coast, while below normal temperatures are slightly favored over eastern portions of CA. Near equal chances of above or below normal precipitation across most of the state.



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